Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A performance information monitoring method using computers, wherein a first computer performs the steps of:

accepting information on a group relating to the first computer;

storing said accepted group information in a storage in the first computer;

accepting performance information sent from a second computer;

comparing performance information of the second computer previously stored in a storage with the performance information accepted from the second computer;

judging whether or not said second computer is included in the information of said group when finding a change in the performance information of the second computer based on the comparison ~~result; and~~result;

transmitting an instruction to the computer included in said group information to change a performance information collection interval according to said judgment ~~result,~~result;

displaying a host name of said second computer and a volume name of a volume managed by said second computer on a display of said first computer, based on information acquired from said second computer;

receiving information about a use state of the volume managed by said second computer from said second computer; and

displaying as highlighted the volume name and the host name of the volume

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on said display when the information of the use state of the volume corresponding to said displayed volume name satisfies predetermined conditions,

wherein said performance information is monitored to detect an event of an input or output to or from a storage, and said instruction is made to shorten the performance information collection interval when a number of events of the detected input or output to or from the storage exceed a prescribed threshold value.

2. (original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said performance information includes at least one of a storage capacity, a storage used capacity, and a storage free capacity.

3. – 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A performance information monitoring method using a computer, wherein said a first computer detects performs the steps of:

detecting an event of an input or output to or from a disk and transmits disk;

transmitting an instruction to change a data collection interval according to a detection result of said input or output event, and the event;

displaying a host name of said second computer and a volume name of a volume managed by said second computer on a display of said first computer, based on information acquired from said second computer;

receiving information about a use state of the volume managed by said second computer from said second computer; and

displaying as highlighted the volume name and the host name of the volume

<u>on said display when the information of the use state of the volume corresponding to said displayed volume name satisfies predetermined conditions,</u>

<u>wherein</u> transmission of the instruction to change the data collection interval is made to shorten the data collection interval when a number of events of the input or output to or from the disk exceeds a prescribed threshold value.

8. (original) The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein, at the time of transmitting the instruction to change said data collection interval, said computer judges whether or not the data collection interval is in a predetermined range between upper and lower values of the data collection interval and transmits an instruction to change said data collection interval according to said judgment result.

9. – 10. (canceled)